



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Yoshiyuki SHITAYA
Serial Number : 09/544,202
Filed : April 7, 2000
For : METHOD OF CONTROLLING COMMUNICATIONS AMONG
ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CONSTRUCTION MACHINE
USING THIS METHOD, AND ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT OF
CONSTRUCTION MACHINE
Examiner : Andrew W. Wahba
Group Art Unit : 2661

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 28, 2004

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed January 29, 2004. The Official action mailed January 29, 2004, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a three-month extension of time extends the due date for filing a response to July 29, 2004.

A check in the amount of NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$950.00) for the one-month extension of time fee is attached hereto.

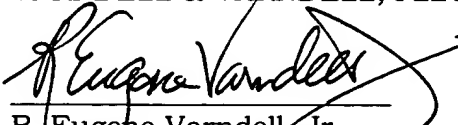
In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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Respectfully submitted,
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